## **American Heart Association Guideline Update** (5/07)

The American Heart Association (AHA) published updated guidelines for the prevention of infective endocarditis in April 2007. There were several major changes, including a recommendation that fewer dental patients with heart disease will require antibiotic prophylaxis before dental procedures. The changes are intended to define more clearly when infective endocarditis prophylaxis is or is not recommended and to provide more uniform and consistent global recommendations. The latest guidelines published in the AHA journal, Circulation, can be downloaded by clicking <a href="here">here</a>. The updated guidelines were endorsed by the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and American Dental Association (ADA). Additional information can be found by visiting the <a href="ADA">ADA</a> or <a href="AHA">AHA</a> Web sites. As a reminder, the <a href="Air Force Medical Service Dental Clinical Practice Guidelines">AHA</a> Apa quidelines when indicated.

